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IN VACATION.

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ELOQUENCE IN BRIEFS.—Although a brief may illustrate true eloquence—"the lightning of passion playing along the line of thought"—the court must content itself with "the ice-cold law, from which no friction will excite sparks." *Illinois, etc., R. Co. v. Johnson*, 77 Miss. 727, 28 So. 753.

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CLASSICAL BUT IRRELEVANT.—The brief for the defendant in a prosecution for assault with intent to murder opened thus: "When the mother of Achilles plunged him into the Stygian waters his body became invulnerable, except the heel by which she held him, and afterwards when he and Polyxena, the daughter of the King of Troy, who were lovers, met in the Temple of Apollo to solemnize their marriage, Paris, the brother of Hector lurking behind the image of Apollo, slew Achilles by shooting him in the heel with an arrow." *Held*, that it was sufficiently striking to deserve mention, and intensely classical but irrelevant. *Gilbert v. State*, 90 Ga., 691, 16 S. E. 652.

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FUNERAL EXPENSES.—The expenses of a wake will be allowed as an item of funeral charges if nothing more provocative of hilarity than cheese, crackers and tobacco is furnished to the guests and mourners. *Johnson's Estate*, 8 Pa. Co. Ct. 1. An account for "goods, wares and merchandise" which includes the item "mass at church, \$20," "furnished to defendant at his special instance and request," is good in the absence of any objection to such item. *Sherman v. Nason*, 25 Mont. 283, 64 Pac. 768.

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OBITUARY NOTICE.—"The children of a deceased person are not bound to have his mental weaknesses and failings set out in an obituary notice." *In re Hull* (Iowa, 1902), 89 N. W. 979, per McClain, J.

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WOMEN PASSENGERS.—"When a woman passenger says she was injured in the attempt by a railway to pass one car by another upon a single track, the railway will always have to pay for it." *Pittsburg, etc., R. Co. v. Story*, Ill. App. 239, per Gary, J.

"A fleshy woman has a right to ride on a train and to have a valise and parcels, and she is entitled to more time for alighting than might be required for a foot-racer or a greyhound." *Pierce v. Gray*, 63 Ill. App. 158, per Scofield, J.

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MORALS OF PASSENGERS.—It would seem that if whores are to be excluded from a "ladies'" car, whoremongers should be excluded from a "gentlemen's car." *Brown v. Memphis, etc., R. Co.*, 7 Fed. 51.

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CHARITIES—CERTAINTY.—A trust established itself in behalf "of the worthy, deserving, poor, white, American, Protestant, Democratic widows and orphans residing in the town of Bridgeport, Connecticut," is not void for uncertainty. *Beardsley v. Bridgeport*, 53 Conn. 489, 3, Atl. 557, 55 Am. Rep. 152.